

Connecticut General Assembly

JUDICIARY Committee Public Hearing March 22, 2019

Raised S.B. 1085 *AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS...*

My Name is John Chunis. I live in Rocky Hill Connecticut. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975.

I **SUPPORT** this bill.

Various surveys and polls show that the majority of Connecticut residents support the legalization of recreational marijuana.

The people who currently enjoy the use of marijuana obtain it from either the black (gang related) market or from out of state (Maine, Massachusetts, and others). By not making it legal in Connecticut, we are only enabling continued gang related black market enterprises and losing out on a substantial source of tax income.

With all the significant budget shortfalls CT is experiencing, we should make marijuana legal, and tax it as we do with alcohol, which is far more dangerous to human health.

Please vote **YES** on this bill.

Thank you for allowing me to provide my comments.

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